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terms of the justification of the relationship of the penalties, but you would have to make an exception because you're covering broadly several sections of statutes, not all of which are punished equally. Would you be open to an amendment in that regard?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Beutler, I'm...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...I'm always open to moving a bill on General File and working with you on Select File.

SENATOR BEUTLER: (Laugh)

SENATOR BRASHEAR: It's a technique that's stood me in good stead over the years.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah. Well, at the end of the session, Senator, I'm much more amenable to that too, really. Okay, well, perhaps we can have a discussion on that then. Maybe we could have a further discussion even on the first set, but I'm sure Senator Bourne and Senator Thompson probably will want to weigh in this too. Okay, thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senators Beutler and Brashear. Senator Bourne, your light is next.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Madam President, members. I did introduce LB 987, which created the offense of strangulation and provide for enhanced penalties for that type of an offense. I was making a couple calls in my office when I heard Senator Beutler talk about this so I thought I'd come up and explain a little bit. Actually, what transpired, it was introduced at the request of the YWCA, I believe, and their domestic violence coalition. And when they presented this to me, they said a number of the women that come into their facility have been strangled and often on a continual basis. And as I understand it, I didn't know much about it at the time, and so what I did that year, I introduced an interim study that Senator Brashear and the Judiciary Committee was kind enough, they had a hearing